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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Teper et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,815,665).

As to claim 1, 11, and 18, Teper et al. teaches a method comprising: receiving a request from a client to access a subscribed online service of a subscriber at an online service provider (see Fig.1, see column 6, lines 1-7), said request comprising a globally unique identifier (GUID) of the subscriber (see column 5, lines 56-60, also see column 6, lines 10-13, where “GUID” is read on “unique ID”); determining if the GUID is associated with the subscriber (see column 6, lines 14-25); and facilitating access to the subscribed online service of the subscriber if the GUID is associated with the subscriber (see column 6, lines 50-67).

As to claims 2, 12, and 19, Teper et al. teaches a method, further comprising: determining if a request for roaming capability is received, said request for roaming capability includes an email address; and facilitating the roaming capability utilizing the received email address upon

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so determining (As to the limitation, "roaming" as recited in claim 2, the examiner relies on the description provided by the applicant in the disclosure on page 11, 3rd paragraph. In this section the meaning of roaming is defined as access to the online services is being made available to more than one user (see column 2, lines 49-56; where the system is operable in any type of distributed network over which online services are provided, which apparently means any one having access to the internet from anywhere should be able to access the online services). As to the email address, Teper teaches sending emails to its users (see column 19, lines 55-57, see column 8, lines 12-15).)

As to claims 3, 13, and 20, Teper et al. teaches a method, wherein said facilitating comprises sending an email, including the GUID associated with the subscriber, to the email address (see column 19, lines 55-57, see column 10, lines 51-57, also see column 3, lines 14-16).

As to claims 4, Teper et al. teaches a method, wherein the method further comprises storing the GUID including email at an email service provider hosting said email address (see column 1, lines 24-26, where MSN or AOL provide online email services that includes storing emails, see column 10, lines 51-57, and also see column 3, lines 14-18).

As to claims 5, 14, and 21, Teper et al. teaches a method wherein said facilitating comprises sending an email (see column 19, lines 55-57) with an uniform resource locator (URL) of the online service provider to the email address (see column 9, lines 38-46).

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As to claims 6, 15, and 22, Teper et al. teaches a method, wherein said GUID is stored in a cookie at the client (see column 3, lines 50-53; where “cookie” is read on “temporary cache”).

As to claim 7, Teper et al. teaches a method, wherein the method further comprises retrieving the GUID from an email stored at an email service provider (see column 19, lines 55-57, Teper et al. teaches MSN or AOL which also provide email services store customer specific information in their databases (see column 2, lines 18-25).

As to claim 8, Teper et al. teaches a method, wherein said retrieval is performed from a subsequent location that is different from an original location where the subscriber caused said email to be stored at said email service provider or from the same original location after the subscriber reconfigured the original location (see column 2, lines 51-56, also see column 7, lines 44-47).

As to claims 9, 16, and 23, Teper et al. teaches a method, further comprising: receiving subscription data including the GUID; and associating the GUID with the subscriber (see column 3, lines 13-18, see column 10, lines 44-65).

As to claims 10, 17, and 24, Teper et al. teaches a method, wherein said receiving of subscription data comprises the user filling out fields of a web site of the online service provider (see column 1, lines 54-65).

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The following patents are cited to further show the state of art with respect to method of accessing online services in general:

U.S. Patent No. 5,903,729 to Reber et al. – Teaches navigating electronic network

U.S. Patent No. 5,815,665 to Teper et al. – Teaches brokering services over internet

U.S. Patent No. 6,408,336 to Schneider et al. – Teaches access to data over internet.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Prakash Punit whose telephone number is (703) 305-5914. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays – Fridays from 9:45 am to 6:15 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dov Popovici, can be reached on (703) 305-3830. The fax numbers of the group is (703) 746-7239.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9600.


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